ASCS Today

By Tom Conrad

Fire At Tobacco Warehouse - On December 6, 1976 there was a fire at the Stallings Fire-cured Tobacco Warehouse in Lynchburg, Virginia. Because of the fire, this week (December 7, 8, 9) there will be no tobacco sales at any of the fire-cured tobacco warehouses in Lynchburg, Farmville or Kenbridge. The warehouses hope to resume sales next week (Dec. 14, 15, 16)

1977 Agricultural Conservation Program Development - On Monday, December 13, 1976 the county Development Group will meet to develop the 1977 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP). The purpose of the development group is to identify the conservation needs of the county and then to develop practices that will result in enduring conservation. The group will develop practices which the Federal Government will share with farmers the cost of carrying out approved soil, water, woodland, and wildlife conservation practices on their land to help maintain the productive capacity of American agriculture.

The results of the county development group meeting will be publicized.

After the meeting I hope to announce a 1977 ACP signup for sometime in January.

FARM LABOR FOR 1977 CROP YEAR - The Virginia Employment Commission has notified the ASCS office that it would like to help farmers with day labor when the need arises. This does not mean that the farmer could get the labor just anytime during the year. What it does mean is such times as planting or harvesting tobacco, small grain harvest, and hay harvest. The workers would be under the supervision of a leader and could go from farm to farm as requested.

If you have an interest in this plan, please come in to the ASCS office and let us know, or contact Mr. Jim Smith, County Extension Agent.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE ELECTION - The ballots for the election of community committeemen for 1977 will be counted in the ASCS office at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 10, 1976. This counting is open to the public.

BREMS COUNCIL, CVCC, STATE TO CO-SPONSOR PROGRAM

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EMS, state training officer Ken Mutter, and Bill Kidd, local lay instructor and representative on the state EMS advisory committee task force on Manpower and Training.

Exhibits: Many vendors of EMS equipment and supplies have been invited to display their products at the College. Attendees will have ample time to view these exhibits during the rgistration and the break.

Tuition: There is no tuition charge, but participants are asked to make provisions for their own lunches.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-AMBULANCE [EMT-A]

January 3: Morning class (9-12) still tentatively scheduled at CVCC. If interested, call Betsy Rowbottom after December 15 for more information. 528-0364.

January 6: To be conducted at unspecified location every Thursday night from 7 - 10 P.M. Call Betsy Rowbottom at 528-0364 to register.

WESTVACO PUTS UP CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

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mounting the tree. All cut trees must be watered, so keep the water level high enough to cover the top of the diagonal cut at all times. Allowing the level to fall and the exposed cells to dry out will inhibit water flow.

Some commercial products work well in prolonging the greenness of Christmas trees. One ingredient, micronized iron, comes well recommended when used in a mixture like the one below:

Micronized iron in recommended dosage (releases nutrients)

2 cups light corn syrup (quick nourishment)

4 teaspoons household liquid bleach (water purity)

1 gallon hot water (speeds capillary action and replaces moisture)

Keep the tree's bowl full of the warm mixture.

Being careful is a good idea with any type of Christmas tree. Keep it away from heat sources and make sure the lights have no exposed wires. A fire extinguisher is good home safety equipment for all seasons and can be kept close at hand for any type of emergency.

With appropriate selection and good treatment, your live Christmas tree will serve you well. Merry Christmas Trees!

PARK SERVICE NAMES NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE HISTORICAL PARK

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transferred to the Navajo Lands Group in Farmington, N. M., as a maintenance specialist.

As manager of the Statue of Liberty Monument, Garcia was responsible for the day-to-day operation of Liberty Island, site of the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island, which opened to the public for the first time in spring of 1976. Both Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty have attracted close to 1.5 million visitors so far in 1976.

Garcia earned his B. S. degree in civil engineering from the Agricultural and Mechanical College in Mayaguez, P. R. in 1948. He took further studies in business administration at the University of Puerto Rico. A veteran of the U. S. Army, he attended the Army's Engineer Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Va, and received his honorable discharge from the Army in 1962.

Garcia and his wife, the former Lourdes I. Rodriguez, are parents of four children: Luis E., 14; Lourdes I., 12; Eduardo, 9; and Laureen Marie, 7.

"My family and I welcome this new and challenging assignment," Garcia said, " and I look forward to carrying out the responsibilities of managing this historic site."

RANDOLPH HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPLEX MOVES AHEAD

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dams, each step increasing the output capacity of the total project. This phase is based on a satisfactory report by the Federal Power Commission which has permitted the "study" period of two more years before a decision will be made to provide the "work" permit necessary for actual construction of these dams.

The Southside Electric Cooperative has invested less than $200,000 in this development and study project. Already one Municipality, Blackstone, has invested $2,500 in the project and other cities and towns, where electricity is purchased wholesale and then distributed retail, are eyeing the project as an investment for a source of wholesale electric energy in the future.

The Board of Directors of the Southside Electric Cooperative is furnishing the present leadership for this electric generating complex, and, sometime in the future, will work out a separate corporate structure to construct and continue developing the complex.

"Other rural electric systems, municipalities like Blackstone, and even commercial power companies may become involved in the financing of this electrical generating complex, in this "count down to electric independence".

"It is a probable $3-billion complex to be developed and constructed over the next twenty years. The construction program itself will be a great factor in the economy in Southside Virginia," Mr. Southworth added.

BELLRINGERS COLLECTING FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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on private contributions such as funds collected in the Bellringer drive.

The need is great, Mrs. Gilliam cited these reasons: one in four families is affected by mental illness, as estimated 75% of those who attempt suicide are seriously depressed; and mental illness is America's most costly health problem - excess of $21 billion.

Bellringer workers collecting in Pamplin other than Mrs. Gilliam are Mrs. E. N. Cunningham, Mrs. Jerald S. Carwile, and Mrs. Timmy Barr.

Women's lib endorses green Christmas

For about 35 years both men and women have been sentimentally dreaming of a "White Christmas." The poignant message of Irving Berlin's popular song is dear to us all, at holiday time. However, a Green Christmas is an ancient custom and more universally observed.

At pagan winter festivals in early times, winter flowering plants and evergreens were prized for their promise of the return of the sun and of spring. Holly and ivy are part of that ancient heritage and were extolled in an old Christmas carol "The Holly and the Ivy."

As far back as those ancient pagan games, holly was characterized as masculine, ivy as feminine. At a later date, it was decided that spiney-leaved hollies are "he" and smooth-leaved hollies are "she."

Depending on the kind of holly brought home at the holidays, it was determined whether he or she would be head of the house, the New Year!

SCENTED GIFT

Pomander balls make beautiful gifts trimmed up with velvet ribbons, lace and pretty braid. Tie them prettily from bits and pieces you have tucked away in your sewing box. Their fragrance will last long after the holidays are gone.

Virginia's 'Place Of Peace' - Gave Us All All The Banjo

(Note: The following article was written by Frank Starr, one of a series written about the South and interviews with people from the South. This one deals with an interview with "Father Darkleaf", long time owner and publisher of the **TIMES-VIRGINIAN** prior to his retirement some years ago.

APPOMATTOX, Va. - "The mayor of our town was a barber," began Calvin Robinson his laughing eyes twinkling.

"I was in there one day getting a haircut, and I said, "George, I'll make a deal with you. I'll make you famous if you'll cut my hair free for the rest of my life."

"He said, How in the world are you gonna make me famous?" But I already had it figured out, and I said, "I know exactly how to make you famous." "All right," he said, "you make me famous, and I'll see that your hair gets cut."

"Now, we had a local industry that put photographs on China plates. We had the Lee & Grant surrender scene put on those plates & packed'em in popcorn to keep'em from breaking, & we sent one to every city in the world where peace had been made after a great war. Pretty son we started getting souvenirs back from them, Geneva and Paris, France..."

So the mayor became famous.

Calvin Robinson is a historian printer, publisher, editor, collector, and -- as he puts it - one-man chamber of commerce. Mr. Robinson, as he ought to be called, also qualifies as a genuine story teller in a region where good ones are legend and as a pursuer of historical causes.

Take Wilmer McLean. The forgotten man of Appomattox. McLean was a wholesale merchant in Alexandria, Va., before the Civil War, explains Robinson. But after the first battle of Manassas, then the second, were fought on his property and he lost it, he set out in search of "a place of peace."

He came to Appomattox, of all places and bought another big brick house. When Gen. Lee's aide de camp walked into the village to find a suitable place for the surrender meeting that Palm Sunday in 1865, McLean's house was chosen to pay off his mortgages, McLean went into debt for pictures of the scene, which failed to see well, and two years later he lost the house in foreclosure.

"Nobocy knew what happened to McLean," says Robinson, "so I tracked it down and found his tombstone in Christ Church Episcopal Cemetry in Alexandria, Va., with not one line to show that it was in his house that the peace was signed."

Then there's another small thing Robinson would like Appomattox to be known for - besides the surrender. In 1810 within sight of the Appomattox River was born a son of wealthy millers and landowners named Joel Walker Sweeney, as it turned out, a natural-born musician.

At the age of 21, Sweeney observed that the slaves from French colonial Africa brought with them a crude stringed instrument called a bonjour, meaning good day or - to the slaves- happy times. To improve its variety and tonal quality Sweeney added a short, fifth string and borrowed the fingereing mechanism from a violin, thus inventing the banjo.

In his day he played for Queen Victoria in England and with Dan Emmett, composer of "Dixie" and Stephen Collins Foster, composer of "Old Black Joe" and other songs, became the first black-face ministrel, though "due to race equality, we don't get into that angle of it too much".

There are just two things that bother Mr. Robinson. During the gold rush Sweeney's original banjo found its way to California and ultimately the Los Angeles County Museum. Appomattox would like it back.

And Joe Sweeney's log cabin lies abandoned on a hill not far from Appomattox Court House. Calvin Robinson would like it saved.

A Festive Name

"Merry Christmas" in June? September? It is for a lovely young lady in Sacramento, California, whose name is truly Merry Cheree Christmas!

In answer to endless inquiries and as many jokes, this charming young woman never tires of explaining that her name really is Merry Christmas, and is spelled just that way. She is used to people thinking it's funny and the constant teasing, but enjoys the fun of it as much as others.

Miss Christmas, whose fame has spread all over the world, spends a considerable amount of time answering the many people who write her. She starts writing her Christmas cards in September.

Asked about marriage proposals and changing her name, Miss Christmas responded "Well, I've seriously thought about marriage a couple of times, but I was raised the old-fashioned way and I guess I'm looking for an old-fashioned type of person who thinks like I do. I really like the traditional things — like Christmas."

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Completes Participation In Major NATO Exercise

DEC. 1 - Navy Operations Specialist Seaman Larry M. Oxner, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Oxner of Rt. 4, Appomattox, Va., recently returned from participation in the maritime portion of the major NATOexercise "Autumn Forge '76".

He is serving as a crewmember aboard the amphibious transport dock USS Nashville, homeported at Norfolk, Va.

"Autumn Forge" is the title of the annual training exercises conducted jointly by the nine members of the NATO Alliance.

His ship took part in two major events during the deployment: "Operation Team Work '76" and "Operation Bonded Item". "Team Work '76" involved fleet operations in the North Atlantic Ocean, the English Channel and the Baltic Sea and included a major amphibious landing in Norway.

"Bonded Item" was a coordinated land, sea and air operation which included a major amphibious landing in Denmark.

Admiral Issac C. Kidd, Jr., USN, the Suprme Allied Commander Atlantic, coordinated the overall conduct of the exercises and Vice Admiral John J. Shanahan, USN, Commander of the Atlantic Striking Fleet, was the tactical commander of all NATO naval forces. The primary objective of the exercises was to test and improve the combat preparedness of the allied forces for the defense of Western Europe. They were so designed to evaluate NATO's rapid coordination capabilities; to test command and control procedures for coordination of NATO'S SEA LAND AND air forces; and to provide unified, coordinated training for the national forces within the Allied European Command.

He joined the Navy in July 1974.

Budget Reduction Causes Concern

RICHMOND - While the State Air Pollution Control Board is making significant progress in cleaning up Virginia's air, necessary budget reductions cause some concern for the future, according to Axel T. Mattson of Yorktown, Board chairman.

During the Board's meeting here Monday (December 6) Mattson said, "Significant progress has been made toward achieving and maintaining the standards for particulates and sulfur dioxide in the state, and we are making gains in reducing other pollutants. The air is cleaner in Virginia, and we expect to make it better."

Mattson added that the budget cuts that have had to be made because of revenue shortfalls, "do cause us some concern." He said, "The cuts mean that we may have difficulty maintaining present programs, leaving little room for future needs."

He noted that in the future it appears that there will be increased demands for additional monitoring. He cited as possible future requirements the need to monitor for hazardous pollutants; for lead, which soon will be added to the list of criteria pollutants; and for hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

Mattson, however, emphasized that the Board remains dedicated to its mission of providing good air quality for Virginia citizens.

The Board met to discuss a number of topics, including revisions to the Regulations for the Control and Abatement of Air Pollution, to act on requests for variances from three foundries, and to receive project status reports.

Other membes of the Board at the session were Mrs. Elizabeth H. Haskell of Martinsville, E. Folger Taylor of Staunton, Carl C. Redinger of Alexandria, and Edgar B. Boynton of Richmond.

CO PLETES LINEMAN CO URSE

FT. GORDON, GA. (ACTNC) Nov. 30 - Army Private Marvin J. Dillard, son of Mrs. Shirley Ann Dillard, Route 2, Appomattox, Va., recently completed a seven-week lineman course at the U. S. Army Signal School, Ft. Gordon, Ga.

Students were trained to install and maintain field wire, open wire and cable communications systems.

He is a 1976 graduate of Appomattox County High School.

Seminar On Aging To Be Held

A seminar on aging, sponsored by VPI & SU Extension Division, will be held at the Donaldson Brown Continuing Education Center, VPI&SU, Blacksburg, Virginia, January 25-26, 1977.

The theme of the seminar is: 'Issues of Concern in Gerontology.' Guest speakers will include: Dr. Charles Taylor, Professor, Human Development and Family Studies, College of Human Developm e nt, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania; Dr. John D. Wilson, Vice President for Academic Affairs, VPI&SU; Mr. Roy J. Ward, deputy Director for Special Services, Commission for the Visually Handicapped, Richmond, Va.; Mr. Fred P. Yates, Executive Secretary, Virginia Council for the Deaf, Richmond, Virginia. Workshops will be conducted at which time presentations and discussions will take place concerning: Counseling Older People, Educational Program with older People, Reaching the Elderly Who are Visually Handicapped, Communicating with the Elderly Deaf, Adequate Housing for Older People-What Is It?, Consumer Economic Problems and the Aged, Pre-retirement Education, Nutrition and Food Management Programs, The Legal Rights Rights of Older Americans, Maintaining Independence in Later Years, Life Fulfillment through Second Careers, Physical Education of Older People.

Professionals and leaders involved in gerontology and others involved with aging audiences are encouraged to participant in this seminar. Contact the Appomattox County VPI&SU Extension Office for a tentative program with reservation and pre-registration forms at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522 or call 352-8244. Deadline date for pre-registration is January 11, 1977.

MRS. SPAHR'S 4-H CLUB

Mrs. Spahr's fourth grade 4-H Club met on Thursday, Dec. 2, 1976. We discussed our project books, ordering bluebird houses, and planting pine seedlings for a forestry project.

We elected 4-H officers for this year. They are as follows: President, Wilton Elliott, Vice-President, Carroll Patrick, Secretary, David Davis; Reporter, David Bryant; Song Leaders, Tracy Fitch and Marissa Hancock.

David Bryant, Reporter

PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY

The First Baptist Church of Appomattox, Va. will have their pastor's anniversary Sunday, December 12, 1976 at 5:00 P.M. Dr. Potts of New York will be the speaker. The Trying Gospel singers will render the music.

PAMPLIN ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA MENU

Mon., Dec. 13 - Spaghetti, buttered corn, slaw, fruit, rolls, milk.

Tues., Dec. 14 - Fried chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, fruit, cookie, milk.

Wed., Dec. 15 - Corn dogs, green beans, Harvard beets, cake, milk.

Thurs., Dec. 16- Ravioli, buttered corn, pear halves, peanuts, milk, rolls.

Fri., Dec. 17 - Homemade vegetable soup, peanut butter sandwich, jello, cookie, milk.

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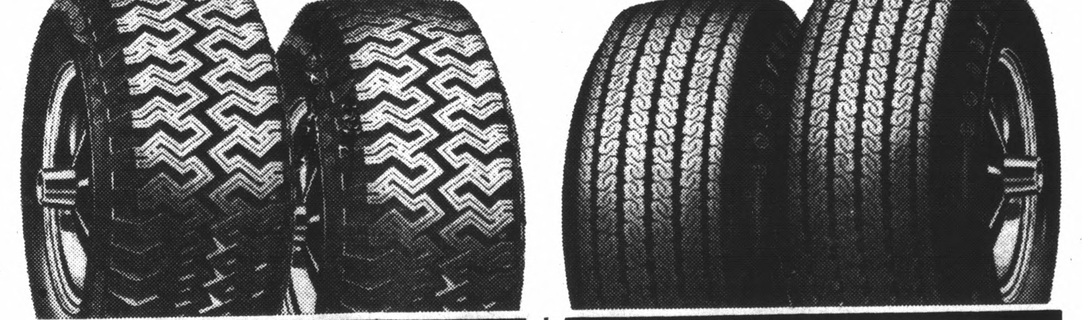

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F78-15	2 for $57.00	$2.43

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